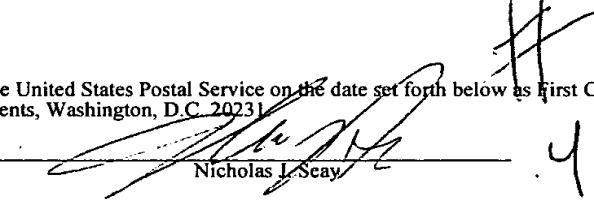


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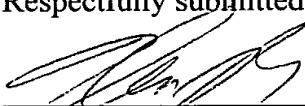
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Enclosed herewith is a Declaration and Power of Attorney referring to this application by application number which has been signed by all of the inventors of this application. It is believed that this submission completes all formalities with regard to the filing of this patent application.

A separate fee transmittal is submitted herewith so that the appropriate surcharge can be paid.

Wherefore examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

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